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TEIGNMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

AND

PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR

1964

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ASSISTANT COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER :
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TEIGNMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT - 1964

Mr. Chairman and Councillors

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present my Report for the year ended 31st.
December, 1964.

The Vital Statistics regarding Births and Deaths in the Urban District during the year do not differ materially from the rates which apply to the County as a whole. It is interesting to note that of the 191 deaths recorded 160 were aged 65 years or more and 107 were over 75 years.

The fall in the number of cases of Measles, which is a biennial occurrence, accounts for the decrease in the number of notifications of Infectious Diseases. Once again I am pleased to report that no cases of Smallpox, Diptheria, Tetanus, Typhoid, Para-Typhoid or Poliomyelitis occurred. All these diseases can now be prevented by appropriate vaccination and inoculation and it is essential that they should not be allowed to regain their former prevalence. This can be done by continuing with the appropriate measures of prevention.

Eight deaths attributed to Cancer of the Lung occurred during the year, a rise of one on the previous year. The causal connection between the disease and cigarette smoking is now generally accepted. What is not realised is that cigarette smoking contributes at least as much to other causes of morbidity and mortality and recent investigations have shown that in general terms the death rates age for age for male cigarette smokers, under 65, is almost double that for non-smokers. The need for discouraging the young from taking to cigarette

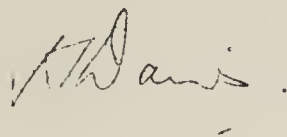
smoking is urgent, but it is obvious that our efforts up to date have failed dismally.

The general public, thanks to Press and other publicity, is now taking a far greater interest in Food Hygiene and the number of complaints received has risen. The improvement in clean food production and distribution is dependent on adequate official inspection, but it is even more dependent on the standards demanded by the customer, and these standards are continuing to rise.

The Report of your Chief Public Health Inspector will be circulated as soon as possible.

I should like, once again, to thank the Chairman, Councillors and all members of the staff for the help and co-operation received.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A. H. Davis'.

Medical Officer of Health

December, 1965.



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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres).....	2,068
Population mid 1964.....	11,640
Population 1961 Census.....	11,528
Rateable Value as at the 1st. January, 1964.....	£418,628
Rateable Value as at the 31st. December, 1964.....	£438,181
Product of 1d. rate as at the 1st. April, 1964.....	£1,757

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	86	73	159
Illegitimate	6	8	14
	<u>92</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>173</u>

Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population	14.9
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population	21.0
Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	15.23
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	18.28
Live Birth rate per 1000 total population England and Wales	18.4
Illegitimate Live Births (per cent of total live births)	8.09

Still Births

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	—	—	—
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births			11.4
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births			17.30
Administrative County of Devon			
Corresponding rate for England and Wales			16.4

DEATHS

The average age at death, from all causes, was found to be 74.25 years. The average age of all male deaths during 1964 was 71.07 and for female deaths 77.17 years.

	Male	Female	Total	
	90	101	191	
Crude Death rate per 1000 total population				16.41
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population				9.51
Crude Death rate per 1000 total population				
Administrative County of Devon				14.21
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population				
Administrative County of Devon				10.37
Death rate per 1000 total population England and				
Wales				11.3

Infant Mortality

(Death of Infants under One Year)

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Infant Mortality rate per 1000 related live births	5.8
Infant Mortality rate Administrative County of Devon	14.9
Corresponding rate for England and Wales	20.0

Neo-Natal Mortality

(Death of Infants under Four Weeks)

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Neo-Natal Mortality rate per 1000 related live births	5.8
Neo-Natal Mortality rate Administrative County of Devon	10.76
Corresponding rate for England and Wales	13.8

Peri-Natal Mortality

(Death of Infants under One Week)

No deaths of infants under one week occurred in Teignmouth during 1964.

Peri-Natal Mortality rate Administrative County of Devon	26.50
Corresponding rate for England and Wales	28.2

Maternal Mortality

No maternal deaths occurred in Teignmouth during 1964. One maternal death occurred within the Administrative County of Devon.

AGE AT DEATH

	Male	Female
Infants under Four Weeks	1	-
Four weeks and under One Year	-	-
1 - 4	-	-
5 - 14	-	1
15 - 24	-	-
25 - 34	-	1
35 - 44	2	1
45 - 54	2	3
55 - 64	16	4
65 - 74	31	22
75 and over	38	69
	<hr/> 90 <hr/>	<hr/> 101 <hr/>

Total : 191

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
All causes	90	101
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	-
Syphilitic disease	-	1
Other Infective and Parasitic diseases	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	7	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	3
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	8	13
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	1
Diabetes	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	11	18
Coronary disease, angina	23	17
Hypertension with heart disease	-	5
Other heart disease	10	13
Other circulatory disease	3	5
Influenza	1	-
Pneumonia	2	4
Bronchitis	5	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	6	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5	11
Accidents other than motor vehicle accidents	1	2
Suicide	2	-
	90	101

Total : 191

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Male	Female	Total
Measles	2	3	5
Pneumonia	1	-	1

TUBERCULOSIS

Two cases of pulmonary and two cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during 1964. Details are set out in the following table:

<u>Age Periods</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
5 - 14	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	1	-	-
25 - 44	-	-	-	-
45 - 64	-	-	-	-
65 and over	1	-	-	2
	1	1	-	2

Total : 4

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951

In no case was Official action under Section 47 of the National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951, necessary during 1964.

SECTION 1 - STAFF

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments
Dr. H. M. Davies	Port Medical Officer	10th. July, 1953	M. A., M. R. C. S., L. R. C. P., D. P. H.	Medical Officer of Health: Newton Abbot R. D. C. Dawlish U. D. C. Newton Abbot U. D. C. Teignmouth U. D. C. Assistant County Medical Officer - Devon County Council
P. Langston	Port Health Inspector	1st. April 1959	C. R. S. I., (Meat & Other Foods Certificate)	Public Health Inspector & Housing Officer - Teignmouth U. D. C.
Address and telephone number of Medical Officer of Health		6/8 Sherborne Road, Newton Abbot. 'phone Newton Abbot 3991.		

AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

SHIPS FROM	NUMBER	TONNAGE	NUMBER INSPECTED		NUMBER OF SHIPS REPORTED AS HAVING HAD, DURING THE VOYAGE, INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON BOARD
			BY THE MEDICAL	BY THE PUBLIC	
			OFFICER OF HEALTH	HEALTH INSPECTOR	
Foreign Ports	237	56,371	2	7	Nil
Coastwise	357	85,833	3	11	Nil
TOTAL	594	142,204	5	18	Nil

SECTION V11

SMALLPOX

1. The Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases will be sent from the district is the Smallpox Hospital, Liskeard, Cornwall. (Telephone Liskeard 2385).
2. Transport arrangements will be made by the Plymouth Ambulance Service. (Telephone Plymouth 64101).
3. The following Consultant is available as and when necessary:-

Dr. W.H.St.John-Brooke, West Cornwall Hospital,
Penzance, Cornwall. (Telephone Penzance 2382)

4. Specimens for laboratory diagnosis will be sent to the:
Virus Reference Laboratory,
Central Public Health Laboratory,
Colindale,
London, N.W.9.

SECTION V111

Veneral Diseases - no change.

SECTION 1X

Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships

No cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases were reported during the year.

SECTION X

Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships

No cases of malaria were notified during the year

SECTION X1

Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague

No action was necessary under this section.

SECTION X11

Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports

1. Procedures for inspection of ships for rats

Enquiries are made from Masters of vessels using the port, by the Public Health Inspector, regarding the presence of rat

2. Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year

Facilities are available for the bacteriological examination of rodents at the Public Health Laboratory at Exeter. No rodents were sent for examination during the year.

3. Arrangements in the district for deratting ships, the methods used, and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor.

A ship requiring deratting can now be dealt with at Teignmouth.

4. Progress in the rat-proofing of ships

No action was taken in this matter at Teignmouth during 1964.

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

No rats were destroyed at Teignmouth, during 1964, in ships from foreign ports.

TABLE F

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

No Deratting Certificates were issued during 1964.

Three Deratting Exemption Certificates were issued during 1964.

SECTION X111

Inspection of ships for nuisances.

TABLE G - Inspections and Notices

Seven inspections were carried out during 1964 of ships from foreign ports. No notices were served.

SECTION X1V

Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations, 1934 and 1948.

No change.

SECTION XV

Medical Inspection of Aliens

Not applicable to this Authority.
